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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Federal and State funded home and community-based services for individuals with disabilities of any age, especially the elderly.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. CASTOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Federal and State funded home and community-based services for individuals with disabilities of any age, especially the elderly.

Whereas Federal and State financial assistance is provided for nursing home care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs for elderly individuals and disabled individuals;

Whereas home and community-based services are a valuable cost-effective alternative to institutional care that benefits both the individual receiving such services and the Federal and State programs that fund such services;

Whereas studies document improved outcomes and better quality of care and life for elderly individuals and dis-

abled individuals who are furnished health care in the individuals' homes or other community settings in contrast to nursing homes;

Whereas publicly funded programs that cover home and community-based services for elderly individuals and disabled individuals have limited reach;

Whereas Federal and State programs provide limited support of home and community-based services which serve as an alternative to institutional care;

Whereas support is needed to develop consistent quality assurance measures for home and community-based services;

Whereas individuals receiving home and community-based services deserve an assurance of protection from abuse and neglect; and

Whereas home and community-based services benefit not only our parents and grandparents, but also our children and grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Federal and State financial assistance
4 should be increased, and access should be broadened,
5 for publicly supported home and community-based
6 services for individuals with disabilities; and

7 (2) there should be implemented on both the
8 Federal and State levels more unified training and

- 1 supervision standards for certified nurse aides and
- 2 homecare aides.

